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A NAVAL BASE.

The impression appears to be gaining ground that the Admiralty will be forced by circumstances to consider the establishment of a naval base on this coast of Canada.

The approaching completion of the Panama Canal and the tremendous naval changes which are taking place in the Pacific render it imperative that we should recast our strategic dispositions, both in regard to the distribution of the fleet and the establishment of naval bases.

This is a statement of very considerable importance. We fancy that it may be taken as indicative of the opinion held in the Admiralty circles, but even if it may not be, it is unquestionably of great interest as disclosing an appreciation in influential quarters of a movement recognized for some time by the people of British Columbia.

SOME BRITISH QUESTIONS.

Domestic questions are very much to the fore in British politics. Two of them especially are creating a good deal of discussion, and not a little anxiety among those people who are anything which can be even indirectly identified with Socialism.

One of these is the housing of workmen in the crowded sections of the great old age pensions. The government has promised to bring in a Bill to relieve the crowded conditions existing in the crowded sections of the great old age pensions.

The above questions taken in connection with the problem of small land-holdings, the reviving of agriculture, improved sanitary measures for towns, the extinction of the sweated system, the question of military training, not to mention the perennial Irish question, tariff reform and the constitution of the House of Lords, make up a programme which, for variety and difficulty, cannot easily be matched.

VICTORIA AS A GRAIN PORT

No valid reason can be given why Victoria may not become a grain shipping port, or why we cannot have flour mills here to grind the wheat produced in the western half of the prairie region.

The view of the peculiar situation existing in this province in regard to the shortage of labor for the development of our resources and the antipathy against the employment of Asiatics is a sentence of four words, but events have shown that if the great resources of this province are to be developed on any comprehensive scale it will be necessary to take Mr. Kipling's advice.

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THE IMMIGRATION ACT

The Chief Justice has held the Immigration Act passed at the present session of the legislature to be ultra vires that is to say, beyond the powers of the Dominion Parliament in regard to the Japanese treaty.

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The province is very much to be congratulated upon the showing which the Finance Minister was able to make. It spoke volumes for the confidence in which the affairs of the country have been carried on.

Mr. Alfred Deakin, prime minister of Australia, concluding his letter inviting the United States fleet of warships to visit the waters of the Commonwealth says: "Relying on your friendly offices to ensure the most friendly reception possible to this invitation which might have momentous results reaching consequences, I am, in the most cordial manner, most grateful for the most friendly and far-reaching consequences."

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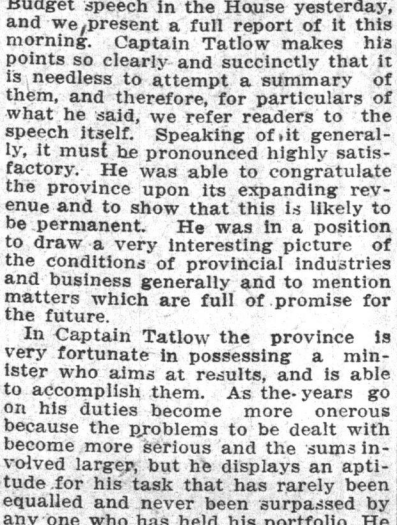
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the map—a vast body lying between America the former than the of Europe, by which separating it from Greenland and the by the fact that the former is similar it is different from are accustomed to of the farthest north. That is to say, it is boundary of British Greenland's area on Yukon territory. It this 60th parallel arc Cape Farewell, and considered, we find a substantially a desolation of the Atlantic islands, which are tunities. Nearly all north of it, and the tania, the capital, north of it, and all the parallel and a la ocean Russia is north Siberia. In Am the Yukon, the greater aid of the Barren La. These facts show that ders Greenland a reg other contributory c amused and interested ago with his theory sphere, advanced wha to the effect that the surrounding the globe which traces Greenla the northern coast of so as to take in the north again so as to of its influence and th ern prolongation of the circuit of the earth. T meaning thereby that earth curved over tow ence of such a zone o supported by abundan much doubt that north is higher than within zone. But it is to be "cold" is relative only ever recorded in Green heit, which would har but in Greenland yard garded as uncomfortable of 70 degrees is consid

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land is one vast white slope to heights vary The only known ex mountain peak which the ice. Its great bl contrast to the universa sen, of the Danish na ago, and he reported r reach there was not covering. The opinion servers who have inve the ice-cap of Greenla pressure of the vast edges of the cap out off and forms icebergs snow has fallen over by pressure being conve ment to the ice field is reason of the icebergs. direct of the sea. But order of vegetable life. Along the coast there is none of it is of such va European knowledge of A. D. 886, when Red Iceland, settled there, time to have been more it is now, for there are able trade having be the aboriginal inhabit of northern Europe. Fo the colonies were very under a republican for the close of the thirte edged the suzerainty of came a decline in s scourged the communit the Eskimos developed down from the north in of the settlers. A long followed and it is said land was practically los so great is the ability, most unfavorable cond onists survived all the century penal settleme Norway and Denmark, if the population did v best of a bad bargain; tion of smallpox carried the people. Since the dwindling and is o care of the Danish g alive. The whole popul exceed 10,000, of whom Eskimos.

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